Appendix

A Axioms of the System

There are three sets of axioms.

Specific axioms for features and sorts:

Let τ , τ' denote any sorts, and f denote any feature.

$$\forall x, y, z$$
 $x \xrightarrow{f} y \land x \xrightarrow{f} z \supset y = z$
 $\forall x \neg (x \mid \tau \land x : \tau') \text{ if } \tau \neq \tau'$
 $\forall x, y \quad x : \tau \land y : \tau \supset x = y \text{ if } \tau \text{ is a value sort}$
 $\forall x, y \quad \neg (x \mid \tau \land x \xrightarrow{f} y) \text{ if } \tau \text{ is a value sort}$

Congruence axioms for equality:

Let p denote any built-in predicate. The traditional congruence axioms are:

$$\forall x \quad x = x$$

$$\forall x, y \quad x = y \supset y = x$$

$$\forall x, y, z \quad x = y \land y = z \supset x = z$$

$$\forall x, y \quad x : (\tau \land x = y) \supset y : \tau$$

$$\forall x, y, z \quad x \qquad y \land y = z \supset z \qquad y$$

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where i is some index in the list of variable \vec{x} and \vec{y} is identical to \vec{x} except that $y_i = y$.

Built-in predicate axioms:

They must not mention sorts and features. For example, disequality can be axiomatized by

$$\forall x, y \quad x \neq y \lor x = y$$

$$\forall x \quad \neg(x \neq x)$$

Precedence constraints are axiomatized by

$$\forall x \neg (x < x) \\ \forall x, y, z \quad x < y \land y < z \supset x < z$$

The built-in predicates $>, \le, \ge$ can then be defined from < and equality.

B Constraint Satisfaction

B.1 The BFC case

We represent a BFC as a pair $\langle B \mid \Gamma \rangle$ where B is a built-in constraint and Γ an unordered list of sort and feature constraints (read conjunctively). \bot denotes the contradiction.

There are two sets of rewrite rules. The following rules correspond to simplifications of the BFCs.

The following rules correspond to the detection of inconsistencies.

The following property justifies the algorithm

$$(B \mid \Gamma) \qquad \qquad \bot \text{ if and only if } \vdash_{\mathcal{T}} \forall \neg (B \land \bigwedge_{c \in \Gamma} c)$$

B.2 The SFC case

We represent an SFC as an unordered list of BFCs prefixed with a sign (+ or -); by definition, one and only one component is positive. Let S be an SFC. The SFC-normal form of S is written S° and is obtained by the following algorithm:

Let co be the BFC-normal form of the positive component of S.

If $c_o = \bot$ Then

Return L

Else

c, is of the form $(B_o | \Gamma_o)$

Let $\{(B_i \mid \Gamma_i)\}_{i=1,...,n}$ be the list of negative components of S.

For each i = 1, ..., n

Let c_i be the BFC normal form of $\langle B_o \wedge B_i \mid \Gamma_o, \Gamma_i \rangle$.

If there exists $i \in 1, ..., n$ such that $c_i = \langle B \mid \Gamma \rangle$ and Γ is empty Then Return \bot

Else

Let $I = \{i \in 1, ..., n \text{ such that } c_i \neq \bot\}$ Return $\{+c_o, \{-c_i\}_{i \in I}\}$

The following property justifies the algorithm

$$[+\langle B_o \mid \Gamma_o \rangle, \{-\langle B_i \mid \Gamma_i \rangle\}_{i=1}^n]^{\bullet} = \bot \text{ if and only if } \vdash_{\mathcal{T}} \forall \neg [(B_o \land \bigwedge_{c \in \Gamma_o} c) \land \bigwedge_{i=1}^n \neg (B_i \land \bigwedge_{c \in \Gamma_i} c)]$$